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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A product information system in which a main server and a plurality of subserver, each of ~~which~~ the plurality of subserver is disposed in ~~each~~ a set region, can be mutually connected via a network, wherein

the said main server comprises:

a user information storing means for mutually linking and storing identification information assigned to a user and an address of a subserver which controls the said user;

A3 a searching means for receiving identification information from a user, searching through data stored in the said user information storing means, and obtaining an address of a subserver which controls the said user; and

a sending means for sending the address of the subserver obtained by the said searching means to a terminal unit of the user,

and the said each subserver comprises:

a product information storing means for storing ~~in which~~ product information is stored; and

a product information providing means for providing product information stored in the said product information storing means in response to a request from the said user terminal.

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Claim 2 (original): A product information system as set forth in claim 1, wherein
an output device for outputting, as a hard copy, product information, which is requested
by the user, is connected to each of the said subservers.

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Claim 3 (original): A product information system as set forth in claim 1 or 2, wherein
the said each subserver further comprises a provision result sending means for sending
data concerning provided product information to the main server.
